



Afro-American Courier

OUR MOTTO: "LET DOWN YOUR BUCKET WHERE YOU ARE."

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OUR LETTER BASKET.

Dear Editor: Please allow space for me to speak a word for St. Elmore Lodge 435. We are few in number but are trying to do our best with the help of the Lord. We had some of our members to move, but we know the race is not given to the swiftest but the one that holds out to the end. May God bless our Custodian, the founder of the Organization.

TEXAS MARTIN, F. S.
SILUS CLAY, Pres.

Isola, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me a space in the Courier for Lodge No. 195. I first wish to say that I am thankful that God has spared us to see another new year. We are trying to add more members to our Lodge each month for this Organization. I am glad to say we have already added five new members for the new year, so you see we have made a start, however it is small, but we are trying. Yours for better work.

P. C. FORD, Pres.
LULA GRAY, F. S.

Sallis, Miss.—Dear Editor: Give me just a little space in your Courier to say a word about Bunker Hill Lodge. We are twenty-seven members strong and are doing fine. January 30th we met and installed officers and had a splendid meeting, and was able to add one new member. We hope late in the year we will be able to do more for the Afros. We are glad Sister Minnie B. Wright came and organized a Lodge in our home town.

SAM DAVIS, Pres.
MARY BROWN, F. S.

Clinton, Miss.—Dear Editor: Make a space in your Courier for us since we are young. We have just had our first meeting in the Lodge room since we have been organized. We only had one member to join, but you see if we can get one each time we meet we will get there by and by.

T. M. SHELBY, F. S.
J. B. SHELBY, Pres.

Dublin, Miss.—Dear Editor: I am glad to say that we are yet Afro-American Sons and Daughters and are striving for the top of the hill. We feel that the Lord is still blessing us. We add one new member once in a while when we meet. But we don't intend to give up.

W. F. BROOMS, Pres.
Y. YARBER, F. S.

Cruger, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in the paper to say a few words for Hymon Chapel. We are few in number but we are striving with the help of the Lord to put the program over. We are trying to reach the goal. We started out October. You might know we are very proud of the Organization and if we don't know all about it we are learning that it is the best order that we colored people can belong to. We hope Cousin Tom will have a long and happy life, and the same to Dr. L. T. Miller.

PALLEE GUDE.

Ruleville, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your Courier to say word for Hebrew Lodge No. 499. I am proud to say we are pressing onward. We have now forty members in our Lodge and we hope to make the number one hundred. We have a splendid President in person of F. Everette and a qualified Secretary, B. Brown. They do all they can for the growth of our lodge. We put on two programs for our Supreme Agent, Prof. Edwards, but he did not get there. We hope to try and get him next time. May God bless our Custodian. Your for growth,

B. BROWN, F. S.
F. EVERETTE, Pres.

Yazoo City, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper to say a few words for St. James Lodge. We are few in number but we are trying to reach the top. We thank the Lord for our Cousin Tom, who has striven hard for his race.

H. V. SINGLETON, F. S.
T. M. SINGLETON, Pres.

Drew, Miss.—Dear Editor: Make space in your paper for a few words about Holly Grove Lodge. Although we are few in number we are determined to go on to the end. We have now boiled down to the pure Afros and expect to continue in the faith, although we have some mighty hard blows from some of our members, but you know Christ had enemies of His circle, so why can't we. However, we hope to continue our work, matter not how dark the way seems. We are planning on a great social in the near future in which we want the presence of some of our great men and women, whom we will notify in due time. May the God of peace ever abide with all of our Afro workers and our aim be one. Yours fraternally,

SOPHIA E. BETTS, F. S.

Dear Editor: This is from Armistester Chapel, and we wish to say a few words to the readers in the Courier. Now we are three months on the line and we rise and fall but we are coming just the same. May God bless this organization.

LINDSAY STEWARD, F. S.

Tchula, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the Courier to say a few words for Lodge No. 69, Jerusalem. We do not have a full attendance these cold, rainy spells, but the faithful few are yet striving to encourage others. The installation that we were to have in December went on very well, but think we should try it again. The weather was real bad but we had a small crowd anyway and Rev. H. B. Brown preached a soul-stirring sermon. Mrs. A. Cadwell, our State Organizer, was with us on that day. She gave some wholesome instructions to us concerning our duties.

F. D. SMITH, F. S.

Our father and husband, brother (Sam J. Craig) who was seriously ill for months and days passed from this life into the great beyond December 20th, 1929, leaving to mourn his death a wife and seven children. We, the bereaved family, do appreciate and express our gratitude to

our many friends and relatives for their ever faithful service and donation during our father's illness and especially Messrs. George Cobbins and Frank Nitra. Beloved Dr. Miller treated our father during his illness. He gave him more ease than had during his illness.

(Wife) IDA CRAIF AND FAMILY.
F. D. SMITH, F. S.

Schlaetr, Miss.—Dear Editor: It is indeed a treat to say that the Walnut Lodge is still alive. We are only four months old nad we are very close to one hundred members strong. So give us many cheers and let us have petition in your prayers for growth and success.

W. M. MAYS, F. S.
W. H. JACKSON, Pres.
W. G. THOMPSON, R. S.

Itta Bena, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper for me to say a few words for Beulah Grove Lodge. In spite of the bad weather we are still holding our own with hope that the year of 1930 will be a prosperous year for hte Afros. We are all proud to know of our honorable and beloved Custodian being elected as President of the Bank of Indianola, hte only bank in the State for colored only. Fraternally yours,

G. W. ROBINSON, F. S.
B. J. ROBERTSON, R. S.
R. S. BANKS, Pres.

Howard, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me a small space in the Courier to say a few words of the Afros. I have only been a member of this Order for three months, but I can truly say that since I have belonged to this Order I don't regret one penny nor one day of being an Afro. For it's one of the best organizations that could have been organized for the Negroes. Wish all the Negroes would unite with us, for I think the Afros mean a mass of Negroes united together. "Our God is a man of war, His wonders to perform He moves in a mysterious way." He moved in the mind of T. J. Huddleston and caused him to organize one of the best and most wonderful organizations that has ever been known. We pray that he may live long and do more and greater work for the uplift of his race. When his earthly works are finished may he live forever with the Heavenly Father. Thanks and praise to this great organization.

B. ESTER HILLS, R. S.
CHARLIE BROOKS, Pres.
N. C. COATS, F. S.

Morgan City, Miss.—Dear Editor: I wish to say a word for Morgan Chapel Lodge No. 109. We have sent our educational money and are working hard to make it over the top. We are hoping to do better each month.

VIRGINIA REED, R. S.
J. P. PATTERSON, Pres.

Silver City, Miss.—Dear Editor: We have been keep very quiet but I think it is time now that we should ask for a little space in your Courier. We have been reading what the others were doing so I should think it is now time to tell you what we are doing. We are working hard each month and adding new members and trying to reach the goal. We have now one hundred members and mean to make Silver City an Afro City. We are sparing no pains in trying to make this a great Lodge by the time the Grand Lodge meets. Every sound minded man and woman should strive to be an Afro. We pray our blessings upon all of our dear leaders throughout this year.

M. BOWMAN, F. S.
R. B. CASSETY, Pres.
HESTER PERKINS, Vice Pres.

Shellmound, Miss.—Dear Editor: May I have a small space in the Courier for a few remarks from Lodge No. 384. We have a lovely set of officers and members, who are working in the best of humor trying to reach the top. We are asking your prayers that we may succeed and that we will reach much and better work for this year.

ANGIE DAVIS.

Cruger, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow a space in the Courier in order that we might say a word for the Afros. I feel like I can't say too much for the Organization. Every member of our race should become a member of this great organization. So let us all pull for the Afros.

J. D. BOOKER, Pres.
JOHN GRANT, F. S.

Mt. Valley Lodge, Kierns, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the paper to say a few words about our Lodge No. 128. First we want to thank the organization for the sick claim check and a \$62.46 death check, to our dear Sister Millie Onhale for the death of her husband. May God bless our Supreme Custodian.

J. I. BOOKER, President.
JNO. GRANT, F. S.
JUDA LEVEY, R. S.

Coahoma, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow us space in the paper to say a few words for Freedomia Lodge No. 526. We are pressing onward trying to reach the top and hold up the banner of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters. We are very thankful that we are yet alive and do add a new member to our Lodge once in a while. I must say it is all due to the respect of our brotherhood toward each other. May God bless our Custodian and Dr. L. T. Miller and give them a long happy life so they might continue the good works of their life.

EMMA PORTER, F. S.
ELLA JONES, President.
MAY ELLA JONES, R. S.

Hollandale, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space for the first time in your paper to say a few words about my Afro work as Supreme Organizer. For the month of January, 1930, I organized the following Lodges: Mt. Zion, Willmount, Miss.; St. Mary, Burdette; Old Morning Star, Leland; Pilgrim Refuge, Precilla, Miss.; Mt. Carum, Metcalf, Miss. St. Mary Lodge was organized with 31 members, Mt. Zion was organized with 50 members; Pilgrim refuge 29 members. Mt. Zion had 12 members who applied

for Royal Special Policies. At the close of January I had written a total of 203 new members so you see the big snow of January did not stop me for I put in six happy new Lodges. While I was out on this work my wife, Mrs. Laura L. Lee, began writing applications for a new Lodge at Hollandale and on the 10th of February she had written up a number as Hollandale 3 and organized that lodge with 44 new members, about the same time New Hope Lodge was organized. This gives Hollandale two new lodges. So you see Hollandale now stands with three Lodges. Yours for many new members.

P. G. LEE, Supreme Organizer.

Grace, Miss., Box 45.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper that we might say a few words in regard to Grace Lodge No. 43. We are doing very well. We held our monthly meeting as usual and added four new members. We really love the Afro-American Sons and Daughters organization and mean to do all we can for the betterment. We have had two sick members since we set up. We shall put on something and invite Cousin Tom over to see how we are striving to get to the goal.

T. J. PEYTON, Vice Pres.

Cruger, Miss.—Dear Editor: We are glad and wish you all to know that St. Peter's Rock Lodge No. 612 is doing business again at the same old stand. Of course we went down once but not out. We are only a few weeks old and have a membership of 35. Thanks to our dear Custodian for sending to Cruger, Miss., our most beloved Brother LeFrance. He has certainly given us the Lodge we wanted and we will strive by the help of the Lord to rise to heights unknown. On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Brother LaFrance carefully instructed us the second time since he has set up our Lodge.

SISTER MEDIA JOHNSON, Pres.
JANIE CRAWFORD, F. S.
EDDIE MAY SUTTON, R. S.

Rome, Miss.—Dear Editor: We are glad we can say a word for Travelers' Home No. 275. We are going all we can that we might grow stronger each month, and we are proud that we are Afro-American Sons and Daughters, and we mean to do all we can to be a strength to the Home Lodge. We shall always keep in our minds our dear Custodian and pray long may he live and do much and greater work.

A. HARDMAN, F. S.
HATTIE WHEELER, Pres.

Charleston, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the paper to say a word for Rising Sun Lodge No. 333. We are yet holding our staff and if our flag be got, we are still fighting for our race. I have been an Afro for three years and wouldn't be anything else. May God bless our dear Custodian that he might have a long life and the way always be bright wherever he goes.

LILIA THOMPSON, F. S.
MOSE HAYS, Pres.

Greenville, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words about Greenville Lodge No. 35. I can but say that we are on our job. I am really proud of every member that we have because they are the best members in town full of grit and grace and greenback. Simply because we look for nothing but big things we expect to rush the battle to the gate and put the program over through co-operation with our Sister Lodge of the city and co-operating with our Custodian we will win the goal under the leadership of so noble a man. Therefore I say long live Monorable T. J. Huddleston and Dr. L. T. Miller and all of the Afro staff to accomplish the great work. May every local officer and layman not rest until the Afro will be established in every nook and corner in the United States.

D. D. DORSEY, F. S. and Reporter.

Cruger, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words concerning Spring Valley Lodge No. 453 at Cruger, Miss. We are doing fine and still adding new members each month. We all like the organization and would be glad for our dear Custodian to visit us some time. We give you our prayers for betterment of the organization.

LOTTIE RUCKER, F. S.
R. WILLIAMS, Pres.

Arkansas, City, Ark.—Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the paper to make these few remarks. I only want to thank the Afros for what they have done for me. On Nov. 16 I went to the Afro-American Sons and Daughters' Hospital for a serious attack of high blood pressure. Within 15 days I returned home feeling good, within five days after I returned home I wanted to go back to the Hospital, because I missed that good service. For many nights, I could hear the tender voice of the nurse, calling me in my sleep and those big bowls of rich soup. I miss them until yet, and I do pray some day in some way, I will drink of that bowl again. I wish it were possible for me to reveal it into every man and woman's mind the good of the Afros. Oh, if I had the time and the space in this paper, I would preach a sermon in the behalf of the organization. Yours for the betterment of the organization.

REV. MOSE CARTER.

Freeport, Ill., 50 S. Hooker Ave., Jan. 15, 1930.—Dr. E. L. Twine, Yazoo City, Miss. Dear Editor: I've just finished looking over The Courier for December, and was so enthused, until I thought I'd write to let you know how we were. We are up here in Illinois, doing fine, but always know that I am 100 percent Afro-American. Iy! But there is lots of work to do. m' good old Baptist contact with pastors the only Ba you last, I am ble another Baptist month, and am hoping and help the ign Please Wishin Yo

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ization of Afro-American Sons & Daughters. Unlike the foundation of Rome, we are based on the pure brotherhood and sisterhood headed by the omnipotent power of God Almighty. You will not get the good out of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters unless you meet in your local lodges and enjoy the Fraternal Spirit that should exist in the heart of the Afros—The Spirit of Co-operation.

CUSTODIAN'S VISITS.

The Custodian recently made a visit to McGhee, Ark. Just to be in their meeting and conduct the Ritualistic part of the Afros as well as obligate several new members. The secret of his visit somehow got out among the members, and full membership of the McGhee Lodge was present, even some members from Arkansas City, including the President and Financial Secretary as well as full attendance of the McGhee Lodge.

It is to be remembered that McGhee Lodge is the biggest that we have in the State of Arkansas, with a membership of about 200. When we get all the members of the McGhee Lodge accustomed to paying their dues we will easily number 300, for the place bids fair to be a hot-bed for the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. We also have high praise for those who are responsible for the management of the Arkansas City Lodge. Through the influence of the present leadership this lodge will cross the 100 mark by the next Grand Lodge. We have had several members fr Arkansas in the Hospital who went back home with highest praise for the Hospital.

CUSTODIAN'S ITINERARY. FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

The Custodian will be in South Missi
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Mar. 4th—Leland, Leland, Miss., C. H
Mar. 5th—Morning Star, Gunnison, M
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Mar. 7th—Bolton, Miss., E. G. Wa
the latter part of the month